Empires

Greeks: Crucible of Civilization Ep1 – The Revolution

* Greeks were strong people who created the foundation of the western civilization
* Brought up the arts, building, monuments, science and math
* Expansionists
* Pericles, Socritiles
* 508 B.C.E. Athens people demanded freedom to get away from oppression
* Ordinary people that should be able to have freedom and shape their own future => empire
* Clicidenies had a strong and wealthy background, strong and political family
* Young age he was thought to be an aristocrats
* Aristocrats = to control everything in Athens
* City built near the acropolis that was use to fend off outsides
* Women – spent time in home cooking and cleaning
* Writing is a rare skill
* Life span ~ 15 years
* Common Athens live under aristocrats
* Aristotle believe that people live in injustice, “ no part no share in anything”
* Elites holding power for the citizens of the population just to preserve their own power
* Rivers basically supply and contribute to the birth of the civilizations
* Greece lived along no rivers
* Greece was divided into separate city states that had their own culture and own independence
* Never were political unified
* Argos – stood for over 1000 years before the Greece
* Dominated Greek trade between Argos and Athens
* City states-military power-Sparta
* Sparta was brought up to fight and values were around war and power
* A life stripped of comfort, clocks died red to not see the blood from a warrior
* Spartans – ruthless expansionist, conquered all of southern Greece
* Spartans declared war on the helots, regular practice for the people
* Ancients tales and myths that inspire clincines, traveling story tellers and memorize million lines of poetry, and passed down over generations (traveling barns)
* Stories that influence clincienes, illit and the oddesy of battles and struggles, where there would be a Hero
* Mythical creatures that gain them power from fighting and deflowering women
* Greek heros were valliant and beautiful were on most of the greek art
* Acillies was to be on the battle field but resulted him in an early death
* Ideal idea of an Hero was used to based Clincines values and ideas, to persue a life of greatness and glory, to become a real life hero
* Middle of the 6th century, seized Greece by a tyrant, rode into the city of athen with a women named athen and made him tyranat and that athenan was the goddness to watch over the city
* Prycideres knew to maintain country who needed allies
* Rulers reduced taxes and encourage loans to create a prosperity in the community and he could use it to rise for Athens
* Farms ->Olives and Grapes for a sustain community, oil, food
* Exported around the Mediterranean their olive products
* East meditteranean was the strong trading post for the people and people would always want the olive product
* Sudden Expantion -> Invention of the Vase, pottery
* Vase had geometric designs based on egyption and Assyrian art
* Athenian Pottery with images and great art to complete with others
* 527B.C.E prycideres died and son took over and ruled Athens with a fair hand
* 514 hippias brother was murder and highly impact him and killed the executueers and tortured the wife of one of them
* Continue to order and constant executions and became a real tyrant, paranoid
* Clycinces would try and over throw hippias to gain power of himselve and his family
* Influence by stories to succeed and get what the want, assembled a conspiracy and hippias was captured and banished forever
* 510 B.C.E powerful figure in Athens, influences of stories now inspired everyone of the social structure
* Olympia, once every 4 years men would complete, highlight of any visits to Greeks
* 776B.C.E. olymic games and were exclusive to the wealthy but was changed for anyone to participate that people would witness their heroic qualities against potter and king
* Chariot races, boxing, running
* NO REAL PRIZE, expect fame
* Thousands of people would gather for the games
* Games exclude women and even to watch
* World that people would achieve victory -> unstable society
* People were constantly to seize power anytime the person wants
* Isageous, Athean Aristocrates, and brought up on the same beliefs to gain power and gain outside support with the Spartans
* Spartans provided militia to overthrow his own state and make Athens a property to the Spartans
* First targets were the aristocrats and 700 households were cast out of Athens
* Clycines began to wonder how could Athens escape the cycle of violence
* Ordinary people went into rampage and rose up to a revolution
* Pysargarous hide for 2 days and 2 nights but he was force to surrender
* 508 B.C.E. it was Athens first step to glory and empire where to people seized power for themselves
* Clycinnease was asked to rule the government and a new challenge to create a new rule. He designed a revolutionary poltical situation
* Near the acropolis people all sat together to help create the new civilization
* Allow people to vote for what they want white pepple for yes and back for no
* To create a government based on democracy
* Every 9 days to vote for decisions and laws of the state
* Now ordinary people was able to vote and given them a voice in the place they lived in
* Democracy to unleashed the potential of the people and culture to built of they believe was great
* New threat of the Persians and became a great power and the Persians went on to invade Greece